

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Issue Patent Application of:

Kenji NAKAMOTO

Serial No. 10/673,222

Filed: September 30, 2003

For: **POWER TRANSMISSION BELT
DRIVE SYSTEM WITH THE SAME**

) Confirmation No.: **1593**

)
) Examiner: **Unassigned**

) Group Art Unit: **3682**

)

) DATED: **March 2, 2005**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

The undersigned certifies that either (1) each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement, or (2) no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Thomas W. Cole
Thomas W. Cole
Registration No. 28,290

NIXON PEABODY LLP
Customer No. 22204
Suite 900
401 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004-2128

Telephone: (202) 585-8000

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449A PTO

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Application Number	10/673,222
Filing Date	September 30, 2003
First Named Inventor	Yuji NAKAMOTO
Group Art Unit	3682
Examiner Name	Unassigned
Attorney Docket Number	740819-1032

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

[illegible][illegible]

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
		European Search Report dated December 16, 2004 in corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 03 01 8494.	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**